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The Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

Dear Bill,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the
INR information handling project. As you know, in August,
1983, the Intelligence Community Staff reported on the state of
INR's information handling capabilities to the House Permanent
Select Committee on Intelligence. One of the key
recommendations was that a contract study be undertaken to
better define INR requirements and recommend how best to meet
them in order that INR could keep apace of the advances in
information handling made by the other intelligence agencies.
Then Chairman Boland subsequently wrote the Secretary
requesting that the Committee be kept informed of the progress.

The Department awarded a contract in May, 1984 to the
Planning Research Corporation (PRC), which conducted a three
phase study: requirements analysis, systems analysis and a
transition phase document. The study was monitored throughout
by a technical review group comprised of concerned Department
offices as well as Intelligence Community Staff
representatives. The study is now finished, and recommends
that INR pursue a scaled-down version of the SAFE system
inasmuch as the SAFE system, as presently constituted, far
exceeds our needs in quantitative terms. However, since INR
analyst requirements are not unlike those of analysts in CIA
and DIA, the question is how to capture the software
capabilities while operating on a small hardware suite.

Having completed the study, INR's FY-1985 funding is too
limited to permit us to independently maintain our momentum
toward modernization. The Department, however, has made a
significant long term commitment to our enhancement by
including $2.3 million in our FY-86 budget in the context of a
planned expenditure of up to $15 million over a five year
period. To bridge the gap I request your authorization for
Department systems personnel to establish a technical dialogue
with the Office of Information Technology (OIT/CSPO) to
determine what if any SAFE technology may be transferable to an
INR system. The SAFE Project Office had been very cooperative
during our study effort, but to adequately evaluate the SAFE
system, the Project Office would have to commit additional time
and resources to this effort.

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    Without your backing I don't think we could have gotten this far, and with a little more help now I think we can get the project fairly launched. Many thanks.

                     Sincerely,

                     Morton I. Abramowitz